



Up the Hill

An Oak Hill Collaborative Publication

Turkey Day is done, we have shopped til we drop, and watched all the football. Now with December around the bend, lets review everything that happened! The best way to keep up to date with OHC and similar non profits is in your hands right now! Up the Hill is the best place to read all about Raspberry Pi Afterschool, Makerspace Night, and what other nonprofits like Goodwill has been up to. Why not look this newsletter over to see what all we've been up to?

If social media is more your thing, and you want your non-profit information delivered in "byte"-sized chunks, be sure to check out the social media column on the services page! We'll keep adding more and more to our social media circles so check for new additions.

Ramping up for a New Year with OHC

With November having come and gone, it's been an exciting week of tying up loose ends and making new ones to start the year 2021 revved up and ready to go. We've met with our board, and they're all very excited to see what kind of services, resources, and content we can bring to the Mahoning Valley and City of Youngstown. However it goes without saying that we are extremely interested to hear what you may want or expect from us. We've heard from people here and there that you may want a class that teaches Microsoft Office, or a class that just focuses on computer literacy. What do you think, readers? If you have any ideas feel free to reach out at the email on the services page.

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Hardware 4 Homes: The Value of Staying Connected

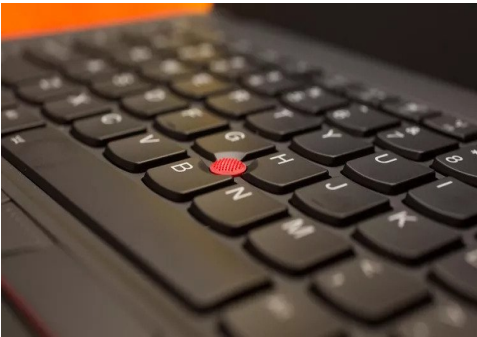
Since late March, over time it became clear the value of technology and internet connectivity. We need it to function in a society where we are expected to socially distance and still continue our normal lives. From doing conference meetings on Zoom, to hanging out with friends on FaceTime, we all have moved all of our daily functions online. Well, almost all of us that is. Similar to the Digital Divide, COVID-19 has created a phenomenon called the "Homework Gap".

Now that students are expected to do their homework online, families are expected to provide the facilities to do homework online. Unfortunately this leads to kids doing their homework on their smart phones, or just not doing their homework at all. This can be very frustrating, which is why OHC came up with a solution.



"Connectivity is productivity - whether it's in a modern office or an under developed village."

- Iqbal Quadir



That Solution is Called "Hardware 4 Homes"

Before our solution to getting computers in the hands of kids who needed them was Raspberry Pi Afterschool. However, in times as difficult as these they needed a computer faster than the six week program may have permitted. To address this we came up with "Hardware 4 Homes". Where computers are taken in from donations, refurbished, and suited with Windows 10 and Microsoft Office. Then these laptops are sold in mass at very low affordable prices, the money generated from these sales simply going back into the repairs and licenses of new laptops!

PCs for People - Resource Highlight



Similar to our Hardware for Homes program, PCs for People understand the necessity of computer hardware and Internet access. That's why since opening in 1998, they've distributed over 100,000 computers to those in need. They've also connected over 96,000 families to the internet, and recycled 7 million pounds of technology!

If you are in need of low cost technology, we definitely recommend the resources that PCs for People has available.



PCs for People is a nonprofit organization with Locations in Cleveland, Ohio and other places throughout the US. Their mission is to provide people the opportunity to benefit from the life changing impact of computers and mobile Internet. We are in discussion with them to expand our own program, perhaps in conjunction with Goodwill Foundation.



Meet the Collaborative - Trina Williams

"After every storm, god gives us a fresh wind. Just don't give up" - Trina, on the topic of inspiring future leaders

Trina Williams has been part of the Oak Hill Collaborative for many years. As one of our first business incubator success stories, she went from working out of her kitchen to running her own culinary business. She's been providing catering for nonprofit organizations and community events since 2015, and she's done it all under the moniker of "A Fresh Wind Catering". She is also catering limited social gatherings during the pandemic.

Motivated to work with her hands, she's been cooking soul food and fried rolls for 30 years out. This was her escape from the life that she had grown up knowing, surrounded by drugs and bad actors she knew she had to break the chain if she was to protect her two children.

Now she's inclined to tell all who will listen of her success, how she heard a wind come through the window during a prayer and how that started it all. As long as she had a working mind and working hands she was going to cook, and breathe back any wind she took from the city of Youngstown right back in.

To find out more or to order her catering services, [click here](#).



Operation Liberation

Operation Liberation is a social justice group in Mahoning and Trumbull counties that is committed to restorative and transformative justice solutions that center the livelihoods of BIPOC folks. Just recently they hosted a discussion event at the Oak Hill Collaborative building November 14th. Their purpose was to "thinktank" addressable issues and make radical change in the city of Youngstown.

Some of the topics they talked about were:

- How to approach gun violence
- Leverage Points and Resources to Solve Issues
- The rise of homelessness/poverty during the winter months
- Should YSU be more involved with the education of Youngstown Residents?

This event was open for others to attend via Facebook Live and at the Collaborative building (although physical attendance was limited due to COVID). Many people were tapping in to give their input on what needs changed in the city of Youngstown - many who are ready and willing to see these changes enacted on.

To learn more about Operation Liberation and the Youngstown Freedom Fund [check out their social media here](#). This is to help keep up to date when their next event/discussion is and how to get involved.

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Oak Hill November Services:

Makerspace Night

While we were recording for the Raspberry Pi Online program, the Makerspace area was being used for filming. Now that all of our shoots are over, we have opened up all the labs in our Makerspace once more!



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If you are interested in learning about our Robotics Lab, how to incorporate 3D printing into your project, or if you just want a collaborative space to be able to bring your projects for showing off or working on, come on by every Wednesday evening. This is held during 6:00PM until 9:00PM, only at the Oak Hill Makerspace.

Multimedia Lab

Have you ever considered doing a podcast? OHC Multimedia lab has all the tools you need to learn how to appropriately make quality content. If you're interested in learning about our Multimedia



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Partner Services:

URC Work Education

United Returning Citizens is providing job skills training and soft skill development resources. For more information, [contact them!](#)



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Goodwill Presents: Healthcare Training Programs

Goodwill in Youngstown as part of their workforce development programming is offering Online and Classroom Blended Learning Opportunities. This is a 6-month training program to achieve national certifications, and qualify yourself for job positions such as Medical Front Office Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, and more! To reach out and inquire about qualifications and application, [email them!](#)